

A. ACCREDITATION STATUS

1. **Institutional accreditation.** Thomas Edison State College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting body for colleges and universities in the middle states region. This accreditation is part of a national system of quality assurance that requires colleges and universities to reach a common understanding and agreement as to the standards of quality for American higher education. After a comprehensive institutional self-study and a site visit by the Middle States Evaluation Team in April 2002, the College was reaccredited through 2012.

The Periodic Review Report (PRR) was submitted to Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in June 2007; this report documents the College's work during the five year period from 2002 through 2007. The report was approved by the Middle States Commission of Colleges and Schools in November 2007; thus reaffirming the College's institutional accreditation through 2012.

The College is undergoing a Self-Study in preparation for its next Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation review. The visit will take place in March 2012.

2. **Professional accreditation.** The W. Carey Edwards School of Nursing RN-BSN program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The program was reaccredited by the National League for Nursing through 2011. The W. Carey Edwards School of Nursing RN/BSN-MSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program was accredited through 2014.

Thomas Edison State College's Master of Arts in Educational Leadership Program, which is designed to prepare educators for roles in school leadership, was granted Initial Accreditation by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) for a period of five years, from Dec. 11, 2009, to Dec. 11, 2014. This accreditation certifies that the forenamed professional education program has provided evidence that the program adheres to TEAC's quality principles.